(b) if so, what is the total amount of loans so written-off; and

(c) what are the reasons for writing off these loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government had taken a decision that the outstanding balance as on 1-4-1985 of all types of rehabilitation loans sanctioned up 31.3.74 and loans to State Governments for relending to displaced persons/repatriates etc. sanctioned during 1.4.74 to 31.3.84 would be written off.

(b) As on 31.3.1987 outstanding loans amounting to Rs. 130.80 crores have been written off.

(c) Government of India had been receiving representations from time to time that the refugees/repatriates were not able to repay the loans as per the terms of the sanctions. Taking a sympathetic view, it was felt that the refugees and repatriates would probably be able to build up better economic base for themselves if they were relieved of the loan burden altogether.

Arrest of a Pakistani spy by BSF

1569. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pakistani spy was recently apprehended by the Border Security Force in the Ferozepuur area in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any investigation about his links in the country; and

(c) whether any other persons have been identified for being in contact with him and helping him in his spying activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to information available, one Pak national and one Indian national were apprehended by the BSF in February, 1987 in Ferozepuur district of Punjab. A case under the Official Secrets Act has been registered.

Transfer of high technology from the United States

1570. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any formal agreement or understanding has been reached with the US Government for the transfer of high technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): Yes, Sir.

(b) An Indo-US Memorandum of Understanding on Technology Transfer and its implementation procedures were signed in November, 1984 and May, 1985 respectively to facilitate trade and collaboration in advanced technology between the two countries.

Export to the USA

1571. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the goods exported to the United States during 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby and the efforts being made by the Government of India to increase exports to the United States?